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EDUCATION

Councillors, trustees call for independent school taxes

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

With the city budget approved Tuesday, and supporting bylaws passed Wednesday, taxation increases are set — and it's schools requiring the lion's share of tax money.

The Winnipeg School Division, Manitoba's largest, passed its budget that includes a 5.89 per cent hike in school taxes last week.

That's higher than trustees wanted, and basically on par with the 6.2 per cent average education tax increase across the city, but much higher than the 2.33 per cent tax increase approved with the city's budget.

City council voted Wednesday to authorize administration to collect education taxes based on rates approved by boards, but the opinion around the council table is that the practice should change.

Education taxes now account for 55.2 per cent of all taxes collected in Winnipeg.

St. Boniface Coun. Matt Allard, who held a community consultation leading up to the city budget deliberations, said he and the public want to see action.

He said one of the top 10 suggestions from his constituents is to "move education property tax off of the municipal bill and fund schools from provincial tax rates," something he would "challenge our provincial leaders to take a position on."

It's a call to action WSD board chairman Mark Wasyliw — and the Manitoba School Boards Association — has been echoing for weeks. "There's a growing consensus in Manitoba things have to change," Wasyliw said of the way school boards are bound to funding their budgets through property taxes.

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WAVERLEY STREET

Massive condo blaze was arson: Police

Elisha Dacey
Metro | Winnipeg

A fire that destroyed a multi-million dollar condo development on Waverley Street in October was arson, say Winnipeg police.

On Oct. 21, at about 2:30 a.m., a fire levelled the 320,000 square foot South Pointe Terrace condo development on the corner of Waverley Street and Sandusky Avenue.

The condos were half-built with mostly exposed wood walls. Police later said damage was estimated at $3.5 million.

Police said Wednesday that the arson unit investigated, and found that a nearby construction site, at 100 Southview Cres., was broken into around the same time as the fire.

"Evidence of drinking alcohol at this site, including an accelerant was located and seized by investigators," said police.

"As a result, it is believed that the individuals who broke into the construction site on Southview Crescent may be associated to the fire on Waverley Street."

Nearby resident Asit Dey said in October his neighbour called him at about 2:30 a.m. to warn him of a massive blaze just outside his backyard.

'I could feel the heat from our window," he said, adding he and his two children were evacuated for a time. "I was shivering. I could not talk, I could not move.... I got out of the house right away.

"It was so scary."

According to developer Broadstreet Properties' website, the apartment-style condo buildings were supposed to open in this summer.

Police are asking anyone with information to call the Arson Unit at 204-986-6813.

Flames shoot into the air as a condo development burns on Oct. 21, 2015 on Waverley Street. ELISHA DACEY/METRO FILE

Hundreds join the search for Chase

MISSING BOY

Toddler last seen around 6 p.m. Tuesday

Small planes circled overhead while hundreds of people on ATVs, horseback and on foot combed farmland Wednesday near a rural Manitoba home where a two-year-old boy vanished while playing outside.

RCMP said it was too early to say whether foul play was involved in the disappearance of Chase Martens, although investigators weren't ruling anything out.

The only priority for everyone searching the area, about 130 kilometres west of Winnipeg, was to find the little boy, said Sgt. Bert Paquet.

"The first 24 minutes are crucial and obviously the first 24 hours as well," Paquet said. "We're talking ... of a little two-year-old boy who's out playing and all of a sudden is just not there anymore. (We're) asking for any information from the public at this point.

"We've often solved cases similar to this with very minute pieces of information."

Chase was last seen at 6 p.m. Tuesday outside his home in the Austin area, where temperatures dropped to -12 C overnight.

He was wearing a blue jacket, black splash pants, a red hat and boots that light up as he walks.

He is described as being 2 1/2 feet tall and weighing 30 pounds. He has blue eyes and light-brown hair.

Above: Emergency personnel in Austin, Man. on Wednesday.
Right: Chase Martens. CHINTA PUXLEY/TWITTER/RCMP HANDOUT

> **At this point, we're just looking for a little boy, dead or alive.**
> Elie Kleinsasser

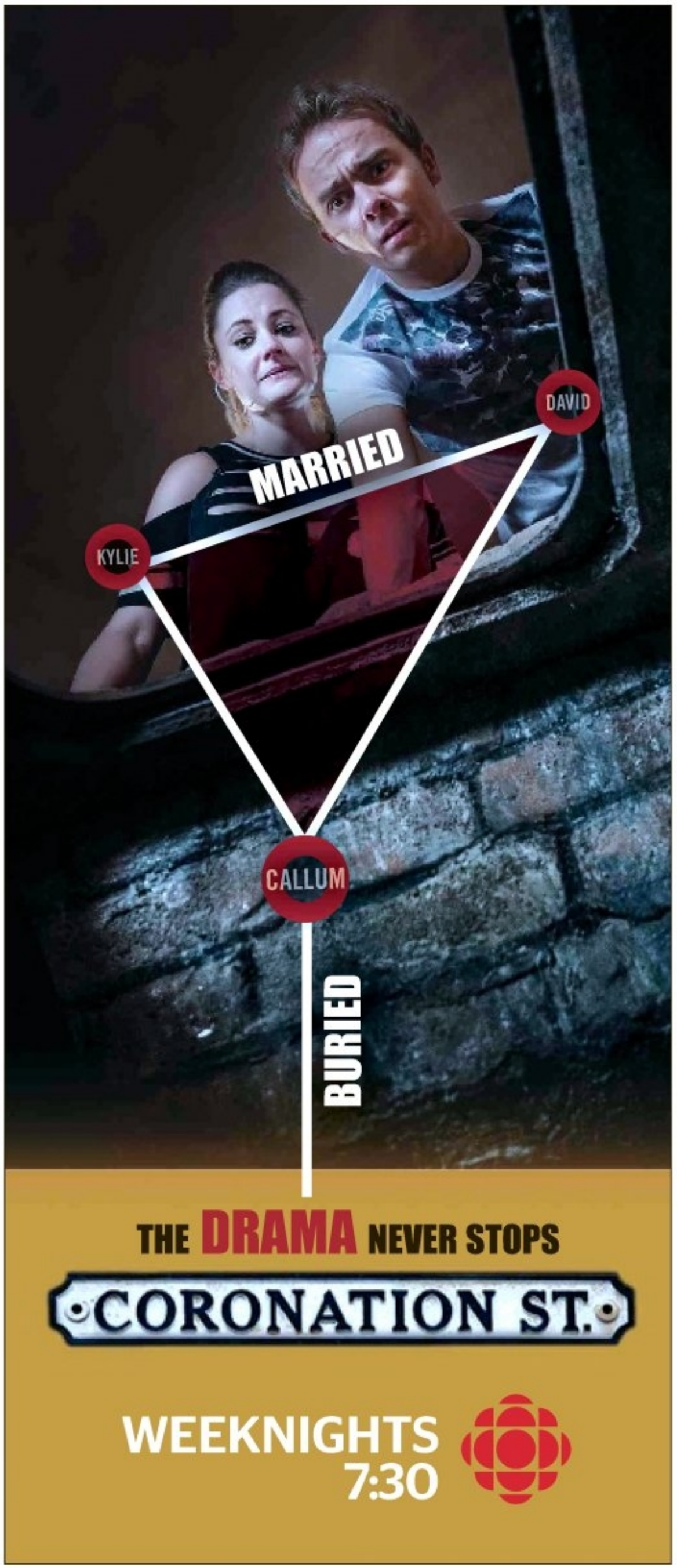
The search for Chase included nearly 400 volunteers and officers, firefighters, police dogs, the Winnipeg police department's helicopter and an RCMP plane, Paquet said.

Dozens of searchers could be seen Wednesday walking in a straight line across neighbouring field. Volunteer fire department trucks, search-and-rescue vans and ATVs constantly moved out of the family's driveway.

Volunteers walked around culverts and fields covered with ice and water from overland flooding.

Elie Kleinsasser joined the search as soon as he heard the news. He and several dozen others from his Hutterite colony searched all night. The father of five was trying to remain optimistic.

"It makes me feel scared," Kleinsasser said. "We're looking for a little boy, hopefully alive, but it was very cold during the night, so we don't know what to expect. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Liberal leader Rana Bokhari says media relies on government ad revenue to survive. We say that ad revenue isn't nearly enough to survive on. METRO FILE

Media relying on gov't ads: Bokhari

PROVINCIAL ELECTION

Liberal leader says coverage controlled by cash flow

Manitoba Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari says media outlets are not covering some stories about the NDP government because they rely on government advertising.

Bokhari was asked Wednesday to provide specific examples and did not. She said she shares a widely held belief that media coverage is shaped in part by the power of government ad revenues.

"I don't see it as a negative thing. I think it's common knowledge that people believe that that's the way the system works," said Bokhari, who added that it wasn't a matter of ethics among reporters.

"This isn't about integrity ... the question is about an opinion that, like any business, ad dollars matter and that's the end of it."

Bokhari was pressed after a recording of her surfaced online. The audio dates from a December meeting between the Liberal leader and a man who came to her for help getting mental-health services. The man complained that reporters were not interested in his story. Bokhari responded with comments about the media and politicians.

"Media is not going to touch it because media survives off government ads," Bokhari is heard to say in the recording.

> **Frankly, if that were to happen, we would make that our front page story the next day.**
> Fernando Carneiro, Metro

"That's the only way mainstream media is surviving right now, so they don't touch it."

Bokhari is heard to tell the man that political parties won't touch his story either because there's a "frickin' election four months from now."

Bokhari said Wednesday she was not aware she was being recorded, but stands by her comments.

The president of the Canadian Association of Journalists, Nick Taylor-Vaisey, said Bokhari should provide evidence to back up her remarks.

"All you have to do is open any newspaper on any given day in any city, town, village in Canada, and you will find that many reporters are critical of the government that they cover ... because that's their job."

Fernando Carneiro, Executive Editor of Metro News, said the scenario Bokhari described has never happened to Metro Winnipeg.

"No one in government or representing government has ever approached Metro Winnipeg and attempted to influence our coverage through the advertising money they spend with us. Frankly, if that were to happen, we would make that our front page story the next day."

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IN BRIEF

Jury finds man guilty of 1st-degree murder in single mom's death

People burst into tears as a jury found a Winnipeg man guilty in the death of a single mother. Jurors convicted Schuyler Vanwissen on Wednesday of killing 33-year-old Gina Marie Swanson in her home in May 2011.

The sentence for first-degree murder is life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years.

Swanson's bound body was found in her home by her father.

She was sexually assaulted before she died, and Vanwissen's DNA was found on clothing used to tie Swanson's hands and from an internal swab.

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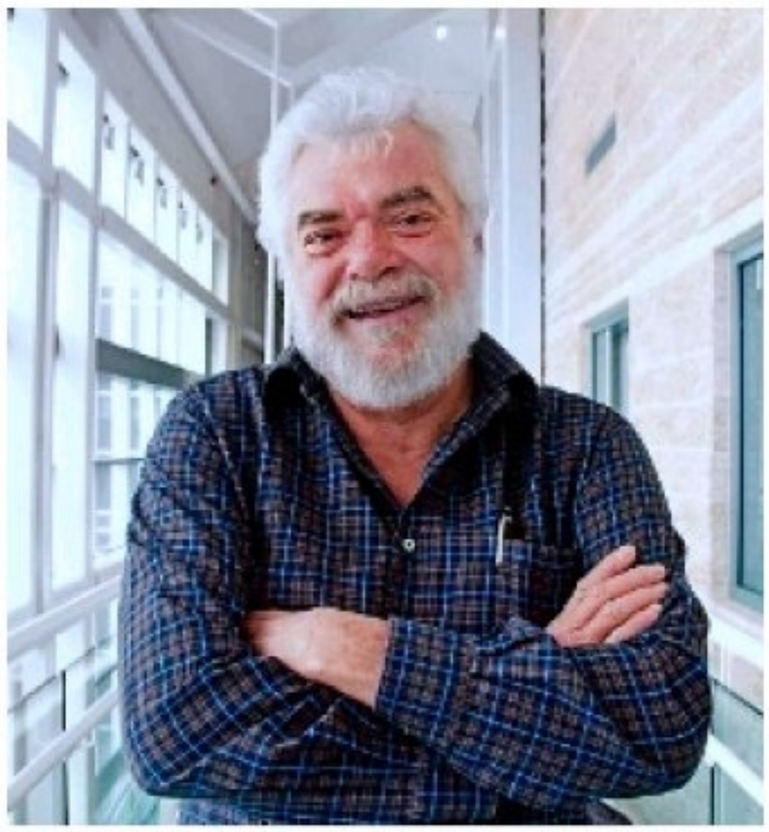


Dr. Frank Plummer stands in the National Microbiology Lab in Winnipeg. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

URBAN PLANNING

City to fund U of M infrastructure chair

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Mayor Brian Bowman made good on a 2014 campaign promise Wednesday, with the funding of a new municipal infrastructure chairperson role at the University of Manitoba.

He and city council were unanimous in supporting the decision to provide the university with $50,000 annually for five years — $250,000 total.

The new "infrastructure chair" will operate out of the school's engineering department. Bowman hopes the chair will Leverage engineering expertise and apply it to the city's infrastructure questions, as "years of tax freezes" left civic infrastructure in what he called "dire shape."

Bowman may still keep beating the "fair share, fair say" drum to get more infrastructure money out of the province, but he's confident the city's investment in the new chair position is at least part of the solution.

Strategic plan in works

If failing to plan is planning to fail, Coun. Russ Wyatt would rather succeed.

"Winnipeg does virtually (no strategic planning)," he said. "It's remarkable, and sad in a way."

He's been pushing for years for council to adopt a strategic plan, as he's of the opinion that the "electorate sets the council, council should set (its) priorities" in a strategic plan, and "all policy should flow from there."

They supported his motion to forward the concept of creating a strategic plan to the executive policy committee for further investigation, keeping it alive for now.

Beyond giving unity to 16 councillors elected on their own platforms and issues, Wyatt said it would also discourage a "strong mayor model" in which the person with the biggest office gets their priorities held above others.

Epidemic guru wins high praise

GAIRDNER AWARD

Lauded for key research in infectious diseases

Michelle Bailey
For Metro | Winnipeg

Years of hard work and dedication have paid off for a Winnipeg researcher who has been recognized for his outstanding leadership in medicine and medical science by the Gairdner Foundation with the 2016 Canada Gairdner Wightman Award.

Dr. Frank Plummer has been a leader in the field of infectious diseases and much of what is known today about HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention strategies.

"Dr. Frank Plummer is a deserving laureate of the 2016 Canada Gairdner Wightman Award. First, for his research in Kenya on understanding HIV transmission and treatment options and second, for his exemplary leadership in Canada helping battle major epidemic such as SARS, Ebola and H1N1," said Dr. John Dirks, President and Scientific Director, Gairdner Foundation.

Plummer, 64, who throughout his career has been at the cutting edge of research on sexually transmitted infections (STIs), particularly HIV/AIDS, said he was humbled to be honoured with the award.

"I have to say that I am very excited to be recognized in this manner," said Plummer.

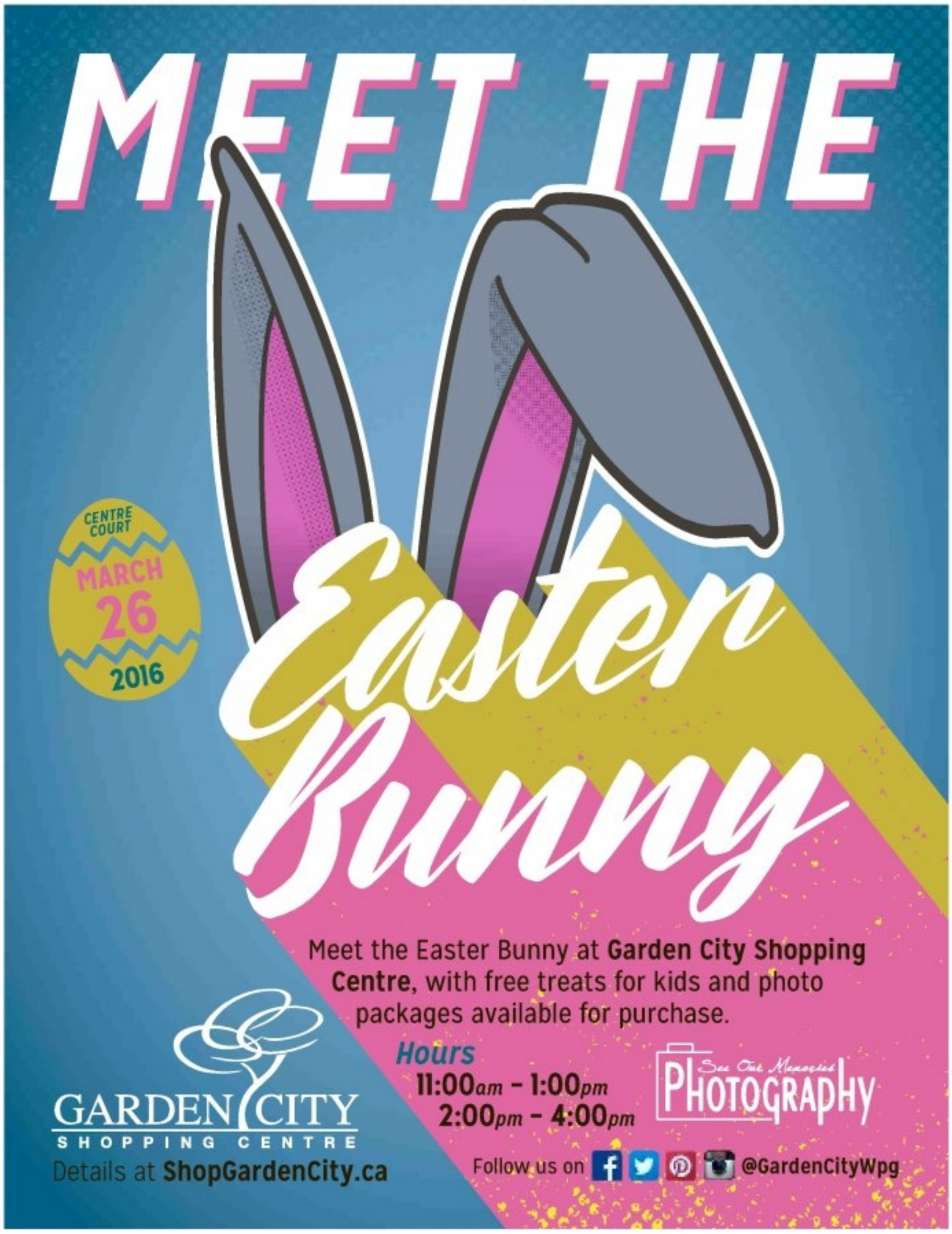
"To know that what I have been able to contribute to the discovery of new prevention strategies is quite meaningful because of what it means to our society."

Among the world's most esteemed medical research prizes, the awards distinguish Canada as a leader in science and provide a $100,000 (CDN) prize to each scientist.

Of the 344 Gairdner winners to date, 83 have gone on to win the Nobel Prize.

When asked if he thought he would have a chance at the Nobel Prize, Plummer stated, "I think there's an outside chance I might get it, but I'm not counting on it."

> **I think there's an outside chance I might get it, but I'm not counting on it.**
> Dr. Frank Plummer on the chance of a Nobel price



A sign in the student association-run Mercantile warns patrons against 'double dogging.' METRO

Doggone it all, wiener thieves

COLLEGE

Hot dog heists are costing student group thousands

Michelle Bailey
For Metro

Wiener thefts have become so rampant at a local college association's stores that their finances look a bit like a dog's dinner.

While it might sound funny, the president of the Red River College Students' Association says he's not laughing. People have been stealing thousands of hot dogs, smokies and other items from association-run stores at the Notre Dame and Princess Avenue campuses.

"We have literally lost thousands of dollars because people think it is OK to steal food from The Ox and The Mercantile," said Benjamin McDonald.

"And it's not just wieners and smokies. One day, we had someone take an entire display of chocolate bars from the downtown store while one of our employees was busy dealing with another customer. It was a bold move and also completely crazy."

McDonald said the rash of thefts of food from their stores has prompted the association to install security cameras at the Notre Dame campus. They are doing the same at the downtown campus, he said.

"I just don't understand it," McDonald said. "It's not like we are charging a lot for these items. It's $3.50 for a smokie in a bun and $2.50 for a hot dog in a bun. We pre-package these items, but if you can believe it, people will unwrap a hot dog, take a smokie out of another bun and then pass it off as a hot dog. All to save $1?"

It has come to a point where the association has put up signs telling people to unwrap their tube steak when they buy, to prove they aren't pulling a "double dog."

"It sounds ridiculous, but what else can we do to ensure we are not getting ripped off by someone who thinks they're being creative by switching up what they are really buying?"

McDonald said "double dog" incidents have decreased at The Ox since they installed the security cameras. He hopes security cameras at the downtown campus will deter the wiener thieves.

"The sad reality is that when people do this, whether it's students or just members of the public, it takes away funds from the association because we have to cover those losses," he said.

"With every theft, money is coming out of our budget to support things like scholarships, student events and even athletic programming."

> **"Money is coming out of our support for scholarships.**
> Benjamin McDonald

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Theresa Nichols, Fisheries and Oceans Canada spokeswoman, describes the new interpretive materials. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

Franklin's final days on display

HISTORY

Mystery of last Arctic voyage at museum

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

A glimpse into Sir John Franklin's mysterious final expedition is now on display at the Manitoba Museum.

After one of Franklin's ships, the HMS Erebus, was discovered submerged in Canada's Arctic in 2014, some of the ship's contents were slowly removed from the water and maintained at Parks Canada's laboratories in Ottawa.

Meryl Oliver, a Parks Canada historian, said those artifacts "are all still very fragile" and unable to travel.

The information display and several reproductions of those artifacts unveiled at the Manitoba Museum and several other Canadian museums this week are an early glimpse at a slowly unravelling history.

"This was a way we could share the exhibit and information a little bit faster with Canadians," Oliver said, noting that eventually, Parks Canada will likely want to share the real artifacts — but those plans have not been finalized yet.

Theresa Nichols, a spokeswoman for Fisheries and Oceans Canada, was near the Erebus' final resting place when it was discovered.

She remembers when the archaeology team from the Government of Nunavut "brought back the first piece" from the ship, a major clue indicating what they had found.

"The entire crew on our ship was just beside itself," she said.

As the reality of the find was further confirmed, the "extraordinary" accomplishment gained national and international attention as a mystery that had stood the test of time since 1847 began to unravel.

NATIONAL PUPPY DAY PUCKS AND POOCHES In honour of National Puppy Day Wednesday, the Winnipeg Jets released outtakes from their puppy calendar through social media channels, including this one of a pooch and goalie Ondrej Pavelec. LUCKY GIRL PHOTOGRAPHY/TRUE NORTH SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

MANITOBA VOTES

Election: Who's promising what to public

Premier Greg Selinger says a re-elected NDP government would provide more help for infrastructure projects and the forestry industry.

INFRASTRUCTURE: NDP

The government has already touted a 10-year, $10-billion plan to build and fix roads, bridges and flood protection.

Selinger says he would look at increasing the province's share of some projects done with the federal and municipal governments. He says instead of each government chipping in a third of the cost, the province would be willing to negotiate a higher percentage to save municipalities money.

SCHOOL EXERCISE: LIBERALS

Manitoba Liberals have made a campaign promise to increase the amount of exercise children get in schools.

Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari says details would be worked out in consultation with teachers and school divisions.

Manitoba schools already have a minimum number of physical education classes for kids to take.

Bokhari says every school has a gym and she would ensure students made full use of them.

FLOOD-FIGHTING: TORIES

Conservative Leader Brian Pallister says he would commit to finishing a $495-million outlet on Lake Manitoba that is already in the planning stages.

The federal government has agreed to put up $248 million of that total.

Communities around the lake have been battered by flooding in recent years.

Pallister says the NDP government has taken too long to get the project finished.

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5 ideas for Spring Break

It's the most anticipated week of spring. A pause from school and a respite from routine, Spring Break is here! Haven't made any plans? Not to worry. Here are Metro's top picks for keeping everyone entertained, enlightened and maybe even educated. We may never hear "I'm bored"

SHEL ZOLKEWICH FOR METRO

1 Fun at the Forks

Grab a basket and start hunting. Travel Manitoba is hosting an Easter egg scavenger hunt beginning at 10 a.m. on March 26. All participants get a treat and the chance to win a special Easter basket. Stick around for the Festival of Fools featuring performances, face painting and games from 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily starting on Saturday. Best of all, admission is free!

2 Wild in the city

With deer scampering around and birds a-chirping, it's sometimes hard to believe that Fort Whyte Alive is inside city limits. An Easter brunch, spring scavenger hunt and the ever-popular 2 O'clock Walk kick off festivities on March 27. Throughout the week, stop by for kids crafts, guided hikes, storytelling and a bannock bake in the great outdoors.

3 Beyond city limits

Get your ag on with a daytrip to Brandon's Royal Manitoba Winter Fair. In addition to world-class horse shows including barrel racing and jumping competitions, there's no end of entertainment at this week-long celebration. Head to the amphitheatre daily for entertainment including jugglers, ventriloquists and clowns.

4 Take to the stage

Got theatre in your bones? Kids will build a show from the ground up at Manitoba Theatre for Young People's spring break camp. Spots are still open for five days of professional-style workshops that end in a large group performance on the final day. Friends and family are invited!

5 DIY fix

By the end of the week, big kids need a break and the Winnipeg Home & Garden Show is just the ticket. Special guests Jillian Harris and Todd Talbot of Love it or List it Vancouver take to the main stage. There's also a Scattered Seeds pop-up shop, a gnome auction, Ask the Renovator booth and a Friday night Housewarming Party. The show runs April 1-3 at the RBC Convention Centre.

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Local musician vies for big break

CULTURE

Transgender artist brings story to stage

Meg Crane
For Metro | Winnipeg

Ro Walker will compete in Landmark Events' festival. COURTESY

Local musician Ro Walker is looking for his break into the mainstream music scene.

"As a transgender man, of course, I think I have a very interesting perspective on life in general, relationships, I also just have some things I need to advocate for," said Walker.

Most of his performances are at Pride festivals, including in Edmonton and Miami, but the hip-hop musician wants to share his story with a wider audience.

On March 26, Walker is competing in Landmark Events' festival where local, unsigned musicians will perform in front of industry judges. The festival strives to break down barriers to a sustainable music career for independent musicians, with prizes including recording time and a promotional campaign.

Before transitioning, Walker played basketball. He says he gets the same feelings on stage as he used to on the court.

"Being in the moment, using your body, feeling like you're good at something," said Walker. On stage, he said he truly feels like himself.

"I think since I've transitioned, I've found my voice," Walker said.

Walker will be performing at the Bandwidth Theatre on Ellice Avenue on March 26.

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Kitty to get prosthetics

VANCOUVER

Rescued cat to be fitted out with blades as back limbs

When a deformed feral kitten was discovered on a rural property in Langley, B.C., Cassidy the cat's rescuer says he was scooting around on his front legs with his bum in the air like a "reverse velociraptor."

The nine-week-old tabby, missing both hind legs, will soon be fitted with artificial leg implants in a groundbreaking procedure.

"Definitely this is cutting-edge technology," said Dr. Mike Higgins, a neurologist with Canada West Veterinary Specialists.

"We're learning a lot from human medicine that is translating into animals."

The black-and-white kitten received Botox injections at the Vancouver animal hospital on Wednesday as preparation for attaching prosthetic blades to his back limbs. The procedure will be the first of its kind in the world on a cat, Higgins said.

Veterinarian Dr. Mike Higgins examines Cassidy, an eight-month-old rescue cat with no rear legs. She will soon be fitted with artificial leg implants. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cassidy was rescued by Shelley Roche, who believes the kitten may have lost its legs as a result of its mother chewing to free its body from a knotted umbilical cord at birth.

The cost of his rehabilitation has been $10,000, she said, though the Vancouver vets offered their services pro bono.

Another specialist is already working with the animal to make a 3D-printed model for the prostheses. The surgery will take place at North Carolina State University in Raleigh in two to four months, when Cassidy is close to being fully grown.

The American surgeon has unique experience in remedying cats and dogs with congenital malformations, Higgins said.

The blade device is advanced because its design conforms more naturally to the limbs, allowing more normal movement, he said. Similar models are already in use by people, he added. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shelly Roche with her rescue cat, Cassidy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

JIM HILLYER

Leaders mourn Alta. MP

A day that normally would have seen parliamentarians pulling out their sharpest partisan darts was instead replaced Wednesday by a rare coming-together of MPs after the sudden death of Alberta Conservative MP Jim Hillyer.

The 41-year-old died in his office after returning to Ottawa this week following surgery to treat an infection in his leg.

He came back for the Liberal budget on Tuesday, but what should have been the first day of debate on it was instead deferred to honour Hillyer's life and work.

Interim Conservative leader Rona Ambrose wiped away tears as she rose, referring to Hillyer as a colleague and friend with a goofy sense of humour who used his determination to champion causes including cancer advocacy and justice system reform.

She described him as a dedicated husband and father and a man of strong faith and conviction.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, said there was a lesson to be learned from Hillyer's death — that MPs should spend more time getting to know one another.

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‘Gaping hole’ in fiscal plan

THE 2016 FEDERAL BUDGET

Grits forced to defend lack of schedule for nixing deficit

One day after the Liberals tabled an inaugural budget packed with new spending, the government found itself on the defensive over the lack of a firm plan to eventually eliminate billions in looming deficits.

The Liberal budget projected $113.2 billion in red ink over the next five years, due in large part to increased funding in numerous areas. On the other side of the balance sheet, however, there was no indication of when, how or if the budget might eventually be balanced.

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Finance Minister Bill Morneau began the process of selling their fiscal plan — and found themselves defending the lack of solid fiscal targets.

Pressed on the issue during a Radio-Canada interview, Trudeau maintained that the objective of the budget was not “to reach some mathematical balance” but to provide “optimism and trust” to Canadians.

Morneau later said the government’s goal “is to get to a balanced budget over approximately” five years — depending on how much economic growth the Liberal blueprint generates.

Both men argued that some of the budget’s biggest spending, such as on infrastructure and the revamped multibillion-dollar Canada child benefit, would generate much-needed growth and eventually balance the books.

“Our priority right now is to make those investments that can make a difference,” said Morneau, who was also asked if the government would stop spending at some point if the growth fails to kick in.

“Our goal is to focus on where we’re at each year as we put forth the budget.... We’ll worry about budget 2017 in 2017.”

The Liberal numbers also include a $6-billion adjustment for risk, which could ultimately help the government beat low fiscal expectations and balance the books even earlier than forecast.

Experts like former parliamentary budget officer Kevin Page called the budget’s lack of formal targets “a major, strategic failure” for the government.

“It was just a gaping hole.... You can’t have a budget without a fiscal plan,” said Page.

The government doesn’t necessarily have to set a timetable to rebalance the budget, Page said, but big-ticket spending carries with it a responsibility to explain where the money is going to come from.

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau shakes hands with Minister Bill Morneau after his budget speech. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

29.4B
projected federal budget deficit in 2016-17

8.4B
spending on Indigenous Affairs, including education and water quality

1.15B
increase to Guaranteed Income Supplement for seniors

11.9B
new infrastructure spending over five years

3.74B
new, tweaked tax measures aimed at the middle class and families with children

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Spending neglects First Nations kids: Critics

The federal government is determined to overhaul the First Nations child-welfare system, Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett says — even as critics focused on the issue say the budget fell well short of what’s needed.

It’s also necessary to increase capacity so child-welfare services can be properly delivered and controlled by First Nations themselves, Bennett said.

“We are very interested in working together to have less children in foster care, get children back to their communities.”

Advocate Cindy Blackstock has a different assessment of the government’s level of funding, which includes an initial outlay of $71 million in 2016-17.

As president of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, Blackstock spent nearly a decade fighting the federal government over what has long been characterized as the perpetual underfunding of reserve care.

On Tuesday, despite a multibillion-dollar federal budget windfall for indigenous people, including First Nations education, infrastructure and social housing, Blackstock assailed the government for failing to spend the needed $200 million on indigenous child welfare services this year.

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde also urged the government to ensure the money flows for child welfare.

“We’ve got to take what is there now and get it out as soon as possible,” Bellegarde said.

The system itself needs to be redesigned, he acknowledged.

“It is not just about the resources,” Bellegarde said. “That’s one piece, a very key piece. First Nations controlled jurisdiction over child and family services, we say — not only on-reserve but as well as off-reserve.”

Funding for First Nations issues was a central theme of the Liberal government’s first budget, featuring $8.4 billion in spending commitments over multiple years for education, water, housing and other services. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cindy Blackstock, president of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society
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IN BRIEF

Aid money could help win security council seat

Canada needs to show that it is a generous aid donor if it wants to win a seat on the UN Security Council, says the international development minister.

Yet Marie-Claude Bibeau says that doesn’t mean committing Canada to the UN’s development spending goal of 0.7 per cent of gross national income. “I think that the .7 is too ambitious as a target,” Bibeau said.

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IN BRIEF

Two attackers identified
Ibrahim and Khalid El Bakraoui have been identified by a Belgian prosecutor as two of the bombers who killed more than 30 people in Brussels on Tuesday. Elder brother Ibrahim, 29, blew himself up at the airport. Khalid, 27, detonated his bomb at the Maelbeek subway station.

Khalid El Bakraoui, left, and Ibrahim El Bakraoui
AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Brussels linked to Paris attacks in November
The suspected bombmaker in the Paris attacks in November was one of two suicide bombers who targeted the Brussels airport, officials said Wednesday, in a new sign that both attacks are linked to the same cell of Daesh.

Woman in attacks photo is Indian flight attendant
A woman sitting bloodied and dazed just moments after the Brussels airport bombings was one of the most haunting images from the attacks. The woman has been identified as Nidhi Chaphekar, a Jet Airways flight attendant from Mumbai. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nidhi Chaphekar
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Soldiers control passers by in Brussels on Wednesday, one day after attacks on the Brussels airport and at a metro station. More than 30 people were killed in Tuesday's attack. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Bombers may have rushed terror attack

TERRORIST ATTACK ON BRUSSELS

On day of mourning, details emerge on attackers

As police hunted for the surviving Brussels bomber, evidence mounted Wednesday that the same Daesh (ISIL) cell carried out the attacks in both Paris and Brussels, and that the militants may have launched this week's slaughter in haste because they feared authorities were closing in on them.

On a day of mourning across Belgium following Tuesday's bombings of the Brussels airport and subway that killed 31 people and wounded more than 270, new information emerged about the four attackers.

European security officials said one of the suicide bombers was Najim Laachraoui, a Moroccan-born Belgian whom police have hunted as the suspected bombmaker in the Nov. 13 attacks on Paris that killed 130.

The other two suicide bombers were Belgian-born brothers, Ibrahim El Bakraoui, and younger brother Khalid, both known to the police as common criminals, not anti-Western radicals.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Ibrahim El Bakraoui was caught in June 2015 near Turkey's border with Syria and deported, at his own request, to the Netherlands, with Ankara warning Dutch and Belgian officials that he was a "foreign terrorist fighter." But other Turkish officials said he was released from Dutch custody due to lack of evidence of involvement in extremism.

Details of the investigation from chief prosecutor Frederic Van Leeuw pointed to a rising sense of panic among the three bombers. An unidentified fourth man who was shown in airport video surveillance footage remains at large after Van Leeuw said his suitcase bomb failed to detonate properly. Authorities say he was the man in a light jacket and hat on the far right of the video footage. Van Leeuw said the bomb did partially explode after police had already evacuated the terminal. It injured no one.

The prosecutor said a laptop seized from a garbage can on a street outside the brothers' last known address contained a message purportedly from Ibrahim El Bakraoui that indicated he was expecting to be arrested following Friday's capture in Brussels of the suspected ringleader of the Paris attacks, Salah Abdeslam.
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DAESH

400 trained to fight

Daesh has trained at least 400 fighters to target Europe in deadly waves of attacks, deploying interlocking terror cells like the ones that struck Brussels and Paris with orders to choose the time, place and method for maximum carnage, officials have told The Associated Press.

The network of agile and semi-autonomous cells shows the reach of the extremist group in Europe even as it loses ground in Syria and Iraq.

The officials, including European and Iraqi intelligence officials and a French lawmaker who follows the jihadi networks, described camps in Syria, Iraq and possibly the former Soviet bloc where attackers are trained to attack the West.

Before being killed in a police raid, the ringleader of the Nov. 13 Paris attacks claimed he had entered Europe in a multinational group of 90 fighters, who scattered "more or less everywhere."

But the biggest break yet in the Paris attacks investigation — Friday's arrest of fugitive Salah Abdeslam — did not thwart the multi-pronged attack just four days later on the Belgian capital's airport and subway that left 31 people dead and an estimated 270 wounded. Three suicide bombers also died.

Just as in Paris, Belgian authorities were searching for at least one fugitive in Tuesday's attacks — this time for a man wearing a white jacket who was seen on airport security footage with the two suicide attackers. The fear is that the man, whose identity Belgian officials say is not known, will find Abdeslam's path instructive.
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Candidate's words anger U.S. Muslims

TERRORIST ATTACK ON BRUSSELS

Daesh doesn't represent Islam, advocates say

A few miles from Disneyland is a place most California tourists never see. The signs along the thoroughfare suddenly switch to Arabic script advertising hookah shops, Middle Eastern sweets, halal meat and travel services.

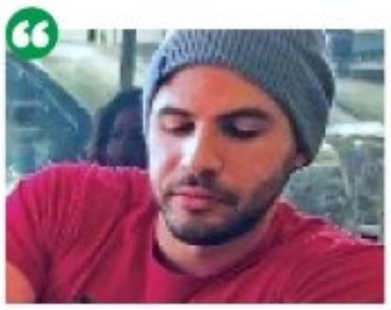
In Little Arabia, flags from a half-dozen Muslim countries flap in a stiff breeze. Flying above them all is a giant American flag.

After Sen. Ted Cruz called for increased surveillance of Muslims in the U.S., this Muslim community and others like it defied the Republican presidential candidate and defended their commitment to the United States. The editor of an Arabic-language newspaper said Muslims are "already part of the country, whether he likes it or not."

Inside a Lebanese eatery called Forn Al Hara, immigrants from Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Iraq debated the latest political rhetoric from the GOP candidates.

"I was born and raised here. I see myself as an American," said Omar Ghanim, 23, who grew up in Southern California with parents of Palestinian heritage. "Everything's the same between me and the rest of the Americans out there. There's nothing really different about us."

Cruz's comments on Tuesday came hours after the deadly attacks at the Brussels airport and a subway station that killed dozens of people and wounded many more. Daesh claimed responsibility for the attacks.

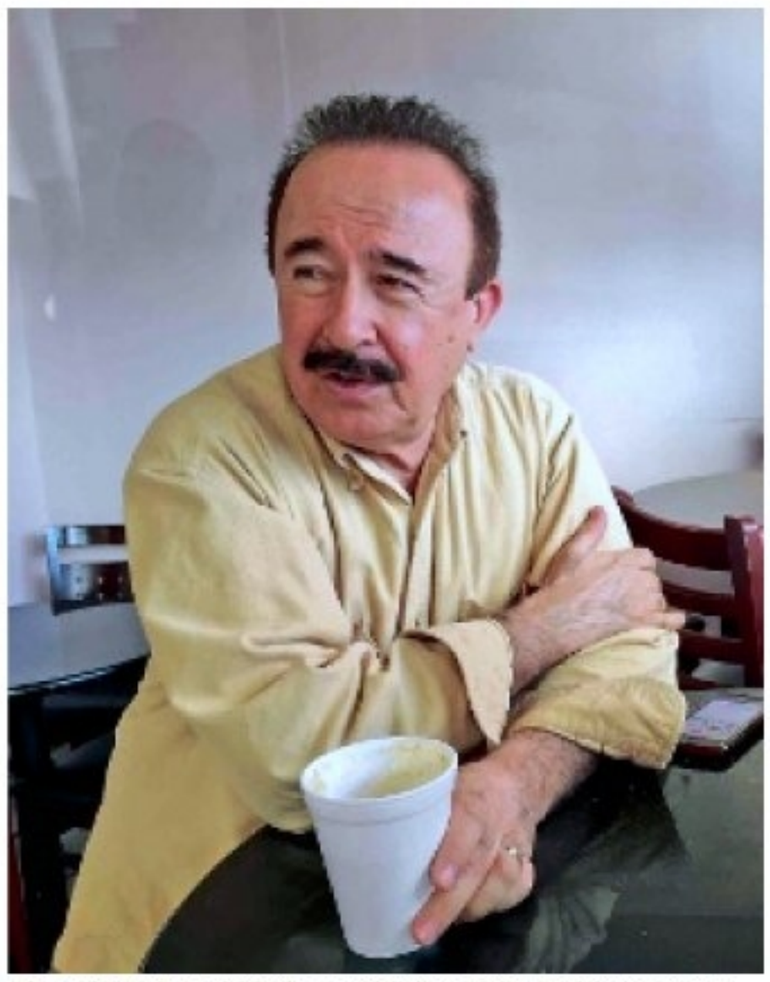


I was born and raised here. I see myself as an American ... There's nothing really different about us.
Omar Ghanim

Ghanim said the extremist group Daesh doesn't represent his faith. "We're a peaceful people. We're not violent."

Cruz said Tuesday that law enforcement should be empowered to "patrol and secure Muslim neighbourhoods before they become radicalized." Echoing earlier statements from rival Donald Trump, Cruz also said the U.S. should stop the flow of refugees from countries where Daesh has a significant presence.

Muslims across the country and groups including the Council on American-Islamic Relations and the Anti-Defamation League condemned Cruz's statements. Many complained that the Islamic extremist attacks in Paris and San Bernardino, and the intensifying rhetoric of the presidential campaign, have steadily ratcheted up animosity against American Muslims.



Ahmad Tarek Rashid Alam, publisher of the Arabic-language community newspaper The Arab World, comments on remarks made by Sen. Ted Cruz about Muslim Americans in the wake of terrorist attacks in Belgium. GILLIAN FLACCUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Cruz gets Jeb Bush's endorsement

Republican Ted Cruz picked up a key endorsement Wednesday from Jeb Bush, who said their party must beat back "the divisiveness and vulgarity" of front-running New York billionaire Donald Trump.

Bush's endorsement came after Trump won the Republican primary in Arizona on Tuesday but lost the Utah caucus to Cruz, the first-term Texas senator and ultra-conservative beacon in a race for the party's presidential nomination that has caused a near civil war among Republicans.

Bush, once seen as the likely nominee but whose candidacy never gained momentum, tweeted Wednesday that Cruz is a "consistent, principled conservative who has shown he can unite the party." Bush added on Facebook that Republicans "must overcome the divisiveness and vulgarity Donald Trump has brought into the political arena" or risk losing to Hillary Clinton, the increasingly likely Democratic nominee.

Clinton won in Arizona on Tuesday but lost to Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders in Utah and Idaho.

Cruz has drawn a sharp rebuke from Muslim Americans and civil rights groups over his response Tuesday to the Islamic State group-claimed attacks in Belgium. He said authorities should be empowered to "patrol and secure Muslim neighbourhoods before they become radicalized."

Both Clinton and Trump used the attacks on the Brussels airport and subway that left dozens dead as a chance to level bitter assaults on one another.

"This is about not only selecting a president, but also selecting a commander-in-chief," Clinton said as she condemned Trump by name and denounced his embrace of torture and hardline rhetoric aimed at Muslims. "The last thing we need is leaders who incite more fear."

Trump, in turn, branded Clinton as "Incompetent Hillary" in an interview with Fox News as he discussed her tenure as secretary of state. "Incompetent Hillary doesn't know what she's talking about," the billionaire businessman said. "She doesn't have a clue." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NOMINATION

Trump short of majority delegates needed

Trump is still short of the majority of delegates needed to clinch the nomination. But he has a path to the nomination if he continues to win states that award all or most of their delegates to the winner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON A THROWBACK BUDGET

Trudeau is walking on a budget tightrope over a fiscal safety net frayed by a decade of Conservative tax cuts. His budget does little to address a structural revenue shortfall.

For all the talk about a new activist federal era, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's first budget largely picks up where Paul Martin left off — at least when it comes to spending priorities.

Improving the terms of the relationship between Canada and its indigenous people was front and centre on the former Liberal prime minister's radar. At the time of its defeat in 2005, the Martin government was about to start implementing the Kelowna Accord.

Martin had also spent his final years as minister of finance advocating a new fiscal pact between the federal government and Canada's big cities. As prime minister, he had set out to translate his intentions into actions

Both files emerged as major priorities in Tuesday's budget with billions of dollars to be spent on the municipal and indigenous fronts over the next few years.

But this week's budget also demonstrates that turning back the clock a decade is easier said than done. Much water or, in this case, much federal wealth in the shape of tax cuts has flowed under the bridge over the past 10 years.

Martin's spending plans were to be financed out of impressive federal budget surpluses, and he had a revenue base that ensured those would keep on coming.

By comparison, Trudeau is walking on a budget tightrope over a fiscal safety net frayed by a decade of Conservative tax cuts. Tuesday's Liberal budget does little to address a structural revenue shortfall.

On the contrary, instead of erasing Harper's fiscal footprint, the Liberals have chosen to tiptoe around it.

For, of all the signature Conservative policies, a twice-lowered GST seems the most likely to survive the transition to a different government. On the day after the budget, Trudeau categorically maintained that he would not be raising the tax back to its pre-Harper level of seven per cent.

This lack of political fortitude is understandable. The Liberals did not talk about the GST at the time of the election campaign. No party would then go near what strategists saw as the third rail of federal fiscal politics. There was no political cover for Trudeau to talk about raising it before the election and there still is not now that he is in office.

Given a choice between slaying the sacred cow of a lower GST, or breaking with the doctrine of balanced budgets, Trudeau's Liberals determined that the path of least public resistance led to the latter.

But with every GST point worth about $7 billion a year to a cash-starved federal government, good politics stands to make for crippling fiscal policy.

None of the other tax changes of the first Liberal budget really addresses the shrunken capacity of the federal government to raise revenues on par with its policy ambitions.

A string of projected yearly deficits that stretches beyond the current mandate speaks to the existence of a structural gap between those ambitions and the fiscal capacity to fulfil them. More than a low-growth economic cycle is at play.

The last government to leave behind a solid budget surplus was that of Martin. None of the parties that ran in the last election would have produced a balanced budget this year without engaging in a round of spending cuts.

The main consequence of preserving Harper's GST legacy is to essentially leave the federal fiscal ship at the mercy of the vagaries of the world economy. But if the recent decade is any indication, it will be hard to raise that ship out of the red even in moderately good times and/or to keep it on a steady deficit-free course. With so much money committed to recurring tax cuts, it is hard to see how major federal initiatives on the social policy front would be sustainable in the future.

Based on the budget roadmap sketched out this week, one might presume either that any major spending such as more money for health care that did not make the cut of this first budget is unlikely to materialize over the course of the current mandate, or else that the deficit projections put forward by Finance Minister Bill Morneau — as high as they may seem — are actually a floor.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

THE MICROTREND: Fertility Awareness Technology

With trust in pharmaceutical companies not what it once was (and condom approval ratings about where they've always been), women either seeking or avoiding pregnancy are choosing in greater numbers to rely not on drugs or polymer prophylactics but on ... their own bodies. Apps like Glow, Clue and Kindara (one of whose founders hails from Toronto) make it easier for women to monitor body temperature, fluids, and other menstrual indicators so that they can take control of their fertility. Outside of activity trackers, they happen to be the most downloaded health apps in the Apple Store. SOURCE: THE GUARDIAN, THE NEW YORK TIMES; IMAGE: KINDARA.COM

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If Ghomeshi skates, a movement will be emboldened

Will Ghomeshi walk? The long stream of bombshells that was Jian Ghomeshi's sexual-assault trial comes down to that question.

And when Justice William B. Horkins delivers his verdict, journalists, lawyers and observers expect the same: Not guilty, on all counts.

Ghomeshi's lawyer, Marie Henein, left the proceedings swimming in reasonable doubt from pothole-ridden testimony. Consent was nowhere to be found, and it didn't matter.

But with apologies to the three complainants, for whom that certainly isn't the best outcome — a not-guilty sweep might be what Canada needs.

It would further galvanize the protests planned in Toronto today, and perhaps spur others. It would infuriate onlookers dismayed at the adversarial, even cruel, dynamics of the courtroom.

It wouldn't surprise sexual-violence advocates who have, for decades, watched an impotent justice system download the fallout of sexual assaults directly onto the victims, as it routinely fails to engender their trust.

But it will give those advocates an extra high-profile bit of ammunition. And they need all the help they can get.

It's been 40 years since rape-shield laws were introduced, and yet, still, only 90 per cent of sexual assaults are reported to police, never mind adjudicated in the courts.

In past years, and again since the start of this trial, various reforms have been batted around, including creating a courts for sexual assaults, inspired by those for mental health sufferers. Also: restorative justice; trying sexual assaults as civil cases, in which where the burden of proof is a "balance of probabilities," instead of the "beyond a shadow of a doubt" standard of criminal court; and dedicated lawyers for complainants, to correct the imbalance that results when only the accused gets a lawyer in a he-said-she-said trial where physical evidence and third-party witnesses are in short supply.

Each idea has merit, and yet nothing has been done. This country needs anger.

An acquittal may well be the correct verdict, in legal terms. It could also be the correct sentence in a trial that has been set up, from the beginning, as our big chance to collectively witness systemic failings, and demand change.

Pamela Cross, a lawyer and long-time advocate for sexual assault victims, already believes the conditions are right, regardless of the verdict. "Canadians are talking about sexual assault in a way that really has never happened before," she told me.

But if we need that extra push, not-guilty could do it.

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BATMAN V SUPERMAN

From the film to the box office, superheroes fight it out

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Superhero geeks need not fear, this column will contain no spoilers.

In Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice, the world's two most famous caped crime fighters throw down, wrestling literally and figuratively to determine what kind of hero is best suited to serve the world's needs.

The story picks up after the action in Man of Steel, which saw Superman (the square-jawed Henry Cavill) protect the planet by destroying half of Metropolis in an epic battle with the evil General Zod (Michael Shannon).

Batman (Ben Affleck), unimpressed with the collateral damage, joins the contingent of folks who see the Last Son of Krypton not as a champion but an alien threat. A battle ensues.

Who will win? Other than Kryptonite, Superman has no known weaknesses, so this would seem like a fairly one-sided fight, but Batman has skills as well, so who knows?

To get to the bottom of the matter I held a highly unscientific Facebook Batman v Superman poll to determine a winner. It drew mixed results.

"Brains over brawn," wrote one FB friend, "Batman for the win!"

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 ★★
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"Superman could basically fly down at super speed striking Batman before he could even sense he was coming and turn the Bat into vapour," wrote a Superman fan.

Another wasn't so sure. "Both seem to wear their underwear over their pants... it is a tough call." Whatever the outcome, expect a wild showdown. But that's on screen. It's make-believe. What about Reel Life v Real Life?

The Caped Crusader and Supes have been duking it out for decades at the box office but Batman, specifically the Christian Bale era, comes out on top. The Dark Knight Rises and The Dark Knight KO the competition, with the 1978 Superman, the first Tim Burton Batman and the recent Man of Steel rounding out the top five.

Batman also brings in the lion's share of the marketing money. According to comicbookmovie.com Batman sells almost two-to-one to Superman products.

That means more parents dress their kids as Batman than Superman at Halloween and that includes Ben Affleck and Christian Bale who met at a costume store last year as they shopped for Batman outfits for their kids.

What about prestige? Again Batman is victorious, with three Academy Award winners — Affleck, Bale and George Clooney — playing the Bat at one time or another.

As for the Metropolis Marvel, Oscar winners Robert Redford and Clint Eastwood both turned down the role as did best actor nominee James Caan who said, "There's no way I'm wearing that silly suit." Oscar winner Nic Cage wore the suit but his Superman story never made it before the cameras.

So far my Reel Life v Real Life look at Batman v Superman favours the Dark Knight, but Clark Kent's alter ego is still a formidable foe.

Keep in mind, without Superman there may never have been a Batman.

Predating the Caped Crusader, the Man of Steel is a pioneer whose popularity helped create the superhero genre. Since then he's been ubiquitous, inspiring an American Sign Language symbol, movie serials, TV shows, comic strips, pop songs — (Wish I Could Fly Like) Superman by The Kinks among many others — and even a Broadway musical called It's a Bird...It's a Plane...It's Superman.

Finally, as one of my Facebook friends pointed out, Superman has at least one insurmountable advantage over Batman: "If Superman loses the fight he can fly back in time to fight again."

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Amy Adams is no damsel in distress

INTERVIEW

Actress returns as Lois Lane and dishes on her super role

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Amy Adams steps back into the iconic role of Lois Lane for Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice three years after her first outing, Man of Steel.

Just don't call her a damsel in distress.

While her character may still need rescuing from time to time, the fact that it's Superman doing the rescuing should count for something, right?

Amy Adams comes out to play Lois Lane a second time in Batman v Superman. CONTRIBUTED

This movie had quite a lengthy production.
I don't know how long, I was involved for about six months of it, on and off. Coming and going, so yeah. But they prepped for a really long time.

That's the thing that nobody sees, all the prep that goes into it. They're prepping Justice League right now, so I'm sure Zack's exhausted.

In taking on an icon like Lois Lane, what do you think are the more intrinsic parts about the character that you have to get across?
I think she's kind of a little ball-busting. I'd like to put it nicer, but I don't know how to put it nicer. She's sassy! (laughs) But yeah, she kind of has a lot of moxie, so you've got to get that across.

You know, you have to get that she kind of goes into situations that get her in a lot of trouble, that require a certain amount of rescuing. I shy away from "damsel in distress," though.

You have to kind of build that into the character as a sort of energy that you feel like she's a woman who fought her way to where she is and really digs in.

The fact that she gets to be rescued by Superman rather than she just needing to be rescued by a normal person ...
She understands going into these situations, there's a very real possibility that dangerous things can and will happen to her.

So I don't think she goes in with the idea that someone will save her — well, maybe she does now that she's got an in.

"Oh, I wouldn't mess with me, it doesn't end well, I've seen it. I've seen what happens." He can get here really fast. Super fast.

It feels like Superman hasn't done a very good job explaining himself to the human race in general, but he seems to communicate well with Lois.
I think she's in a relationship with Clark, and the rest of the world is in a relationship with Superman, so I know him as a human being, his human side. I know he's an alien, but I know him as a man — Clark the man.

It's nice to get to play to with Clark because Lois doesn't always get to do that in the history of Lois.

She's usually not in a relationship with Clark, she's in a relationship with Superman.

Do you have an idea of where that can go?
She accepts that they're same person. Superman is the title that's been given to him by the world, but she calls him Clark.

She's never like, "Superman!" She calls after him, it's always Clark. He's just Clark to her.

That bathtub scene had to be either a really fun day at work or a really aggravating day at work.
It's not aggravating, it's not fun. It's just another day at the office in my flesh-colored underwear. (laughs)

Hopefully they keep the water warm.
They keep the water warm. They treat me with a ton of respect. It is tricky, for my own modesty and because they can't use the take if you see anything, so it's a very fine balance.

They did a good job. There were some bath salts and stuff. I think it's actually milk powder. My skin ended up very soft. There have been worse days.

BEN AFFLECK

Putting rumours to rest
While doing press for Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice, Ben Affleck has found himself addressing a lot of misconceptions. One he's more than happy to clear up? The suggestion that he was originally offered the gig of directing 2013's Man of Steel before Zack Snyder. "It's not true that I turned down Man of Steel," Affleck insists. "I learned a lot from Zack on this movie.

"One of the really valuable things about it for me, aside from the personal experience of playing the part, was watching a guy who really understands how to make films on this level, with cutting-edge technology, combining in-camera stuff with visual effects and stunts and all the tools at a director's disposal, and seeing how Zack meticulously constructed them using hand-drawn storyboards, frame by frame and evolving into the movie that you saw, in a fairly consistent vision."

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Greek Wedding star calls out Hollywood

NIA VARDALOS

On battling sexism in Tinseltown and onscreen

It wasn't long after My Big Fat Greek Wedding exploded at the box office that Hollywood began pestering its star Nia Vardalos for a sequel.

The Winnipeg-bred breakout declined, turning instead to other comedic followups including Connie and Carla, I Hate Valentine's Day and My Life in Ruins.

But none had the impact of her surprising family-friendly smash, which centred on an unassuming Greek woman who falls in love with a non-Greek suitor, played by John Corbett.

Vardalos adds she was also focused on other matters, including efforts to become a mother that resulted in the adoption of a little girl.

Now older, wiser and inspired by her own new family adventures, Vardalos reprises her role as Toula Portokalos in My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2.

Vardalos chatted with The Canadian Press by phone from New York.

Tell me about some projects over the years that haven't been able to take root.

I definitely lost control and then gained it and lost it. It is a process and getting a film made is difficult, period. Hollywood is still the most archaic place. It is the one place where a review can talk about a woman's looks and you can not get a job simply because you're female. It's outdated and we have to push through.

Can you describe some of these scripts you've been asked to rework?

It will say about the female: "Late 20s. Beautiful but doesn't know it. Kittenish, sexy." (And then) it'll say: "Guy, 40s. A sense of being that far exceeds his years." You know, there's no reference to being handsome ... It'll never say: "Chiselled jaw line, pecs to die for." Can you imagine reading that in a screenplay? It wouldn't be written and people would laugh out loud. But it's certainly written about the women. And we just call them on it, we just laugh.

We've had symposiums at the Writers Guild with men and women there talking about how when ... we have to incite peril for a woman during sweeps' week the writers will pitch, 'OK, so let's get her raped.' And it's rough. It's really, really bad. We're creating a rape culture. And we're trying to pull back from it and that's what these meetings do where we have to call each other on what we're doing wrong. And try to get things out there.

It's really, really hard to get a family comedy made, especially a PG-13 one.... If this movie doesn't do well there will be another 15 years where we wait for another one. And that's a bummer.

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Nia Vardalos and John Corbett are reunited in My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2. HANDOUT

VARDALOS ON MORPHING INTO HER OWN GREEK MOTHER

Vardalos has also focused on other matters, including efforts to become a mother that resulted in the adoption of a little girl — a sometimes painful process she detailed in the book Instant Motherhood.

Now older, wiser and inspired by her own new family adventures, Vardalos reprises her role as Toula Portokalos in My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2, while Corbett, Andrea Martin and the rest of the gang are back.

What took so long for this movie?

It's a really simple answer: I was waiting for motherhood.

Yes, Toula and Ian now have a teenage daughter ready for college.

In order for me to do the sequel, of course I would have to show family life because of course the film is about a family.

I didn't understand or know any of the emotions of motherhood so I just said a very quiet, "No," continued to do other projects with (producers) Playtone and then luckily became a mom....

On my daughter's first day of kindergarten I was wailing much louder than the other parents and I realized, "Ugh, I have morphed into my own Greek mother."

How hard was it to get everyone back together?

I only made three calls ... The first phone call I made was John Corbett, it was his birthday. And then the next calls I made were to Michael Constantine who plays the dad, and Lainie Kazan who plays the mom. And then I never actually got to make any more phone calls after that because my phone started ringing!

Everybody had called each other so everybody knew.

Just like their characters.

Yep. We really, really are like a family — everybody knows everything.

We all stayed in the same hotel in Toronto, there was constant knocking on each other's doors, hanging out, just drinking wine, laughing, talking, it's really wonderful.

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MEET THE CONDO

The Mix settles into Bridgwater Forest

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Project overview

The Mix Condominiums development is already in its second phase. Location is the selling point: Nestled into the new Bridgwater Forest neighbourhood in southwest Winnipeg, these condos are just steps away from the future development of Bridgwater Town Centre, a shopping destination based on European landscapes.

Housing amenities

Quartz countertops in the kitchen, vinyl plank flooring, private balconies and a stainless-steel appliance package are all standard with each open-concept unit. One parking spot is included. There's a fitness room on the main floor and the common area includes a pool table, television area and kitchenette.

Location and transit

It's a short drive to the University of Manitoba, St. Vital Centre and all the shops and services along Kenaston Boulevard. There's Investors Group Field, Cineplex Odeon McGillivray movie theatres and pubs and restaurants along Pembina Highway. The Waverley Heights Express (163) delivers riders directly to the university or downtown.

In the neighbourhood

It's in close proximity to IKEA and the soon-to-be debuted luxury outlet shops near Sterling Lyon Parkway. Foodies will love the numerous offerings along Pembina Highway and Kenaston Boulevard. Bridgwater Forest is part of a cluster of neighbourhoods that will share lakes, fountains, pathways, parks, trails and perhaps a new school. SHEL ZOLKEWICH/FOR METRO

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What: The Mix Condominiums
Builder: StreetSide Developments
Designer: 701 Architecture
Location: 10 Hill Grove Point
Building: Four storeys, 92 units (four move-in-ready; 56 are under construction)
Sizes: 1,016 square feet to 1,278 sq. ft.
Pricing: Starting from $241,400 including GST
Model: Two and three bedrooms, all with balconies
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All about location for Bluestem Townhomes

When starting a home search, most people stick to the age-old mantra: "location, location, location."

When you're shopping for a condominium home, this comes even more sharply into focus. Not only are you looking for a well-appointed home in a desirable neighbourhood, you have higher expectations of convenience. You want to find a location with amenities nearby for the hassle-free lifestyle you crave.

Bluestem Townhome Condominiums resident Robyn Okaja was fixated on just that. "For us, Sage Creek was a central location," says Okaja, an early adopter of a townhome at Bluestem. "I can take the Perimeter to work or Bishop to get downtown — it's not far from anything."

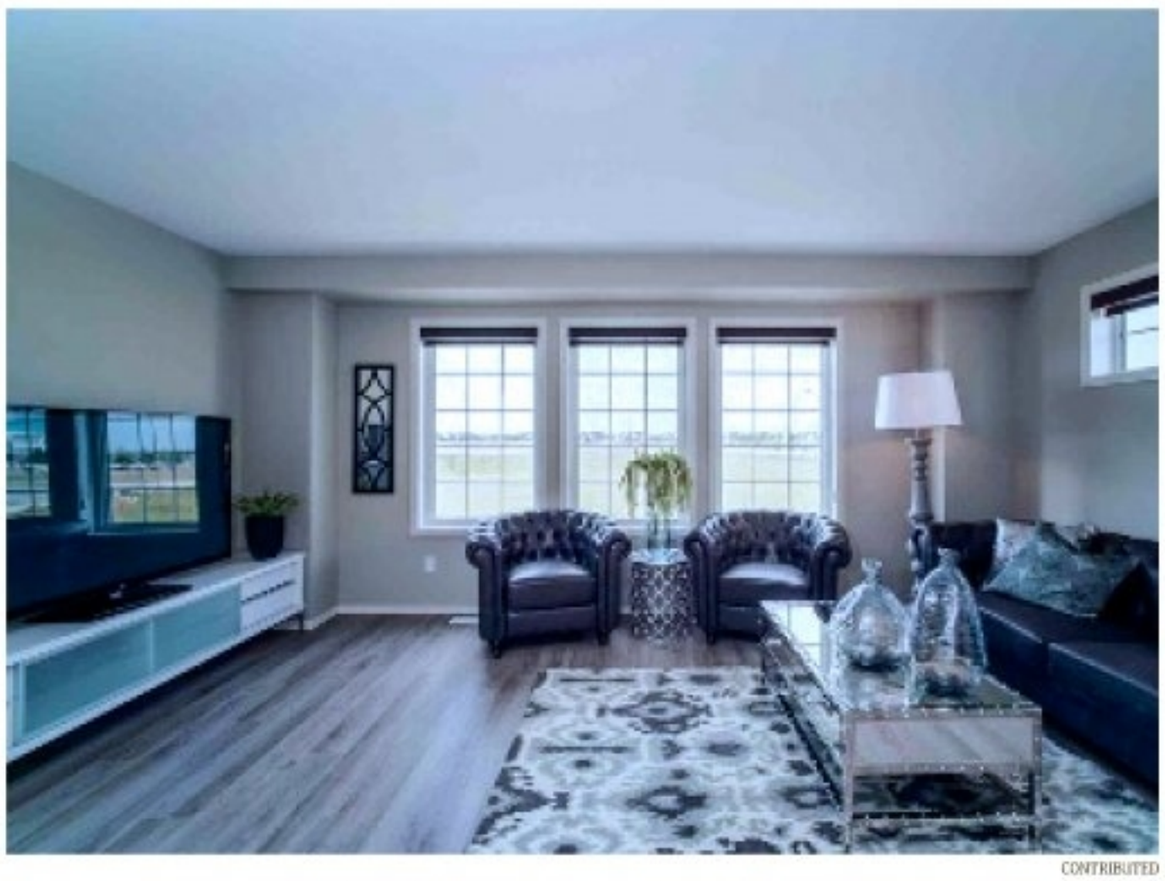
Shopping has been top-notch for Okaja too. "(The townhomes) are also walking distance right to Sobeys, which is great." Within just a block from Bluestem Condominiums, residents have access to a liquor mart, gas station, multiple fast food establishments, banks and services.

While the neighbourhood won Okaja over, the spaciousness of Bluestem Condos and the flexibility of the builder sealed the deal.

"The condo has definitely suited what we need. With two bedrooms we have lots of space. It has a single car garage, and StreetSide Developments helped us with a second parking spot to rent," she says. "StreetSide is really flexible and personalized it all to make sure we got what we need. They really made me feel like a person, not a number."

The current building at Bluestem has a handful of designer-finished, move-in-ready townhomes, and future phases will offer buyers the opportunity to select their own finishes.

The growing but quaint community of Sage Creek has all the amenities residents will need, with plentiful parks and trails close by. It's easy to see why people want to buy in to the neighbourhood.



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"What keeps us living here is the community — it's just really friendly here," says Okaja. "Everyone wants to talk and find out more about each other. It has a really nice, small-town community feel."

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Oak Bluff West is nestled on the western edge of the town of Oak Bluff; it's a 10-minute drive to Kenaston Common and Seasons of Tuxedo, 15 minutes from the MTS IcePlex, and about 30 minutes away from downtown Winnipeg.

Making the move from River Heights this past July, Karen Geist-McNeill was wowed by the sense of wide open space and fresh air in Oak Bluff West.

"It's not like River Heights where you look out your window into your neighbour's house," she explains. "Everybody has busy lives, whether you're a family or professional, so it's a great place to go and feel like you have downtime in the beautiful country space around you. We find that we spend less time at our cottage, which we never thought would happen! We just really love our home and love the area and its peacefulness."

With its extra-wide lots, large bungalows and open spaces, Oak Bluff West offers plenty of room for families to grow and enjoy an active lifestyle. You can walk your kids to the nearby K-8 school along the limestone trails and enjoy a full range of activities at the Oak Bluff Rec Centre, which offers seemingly non-stop ice time for hockey and ringette.

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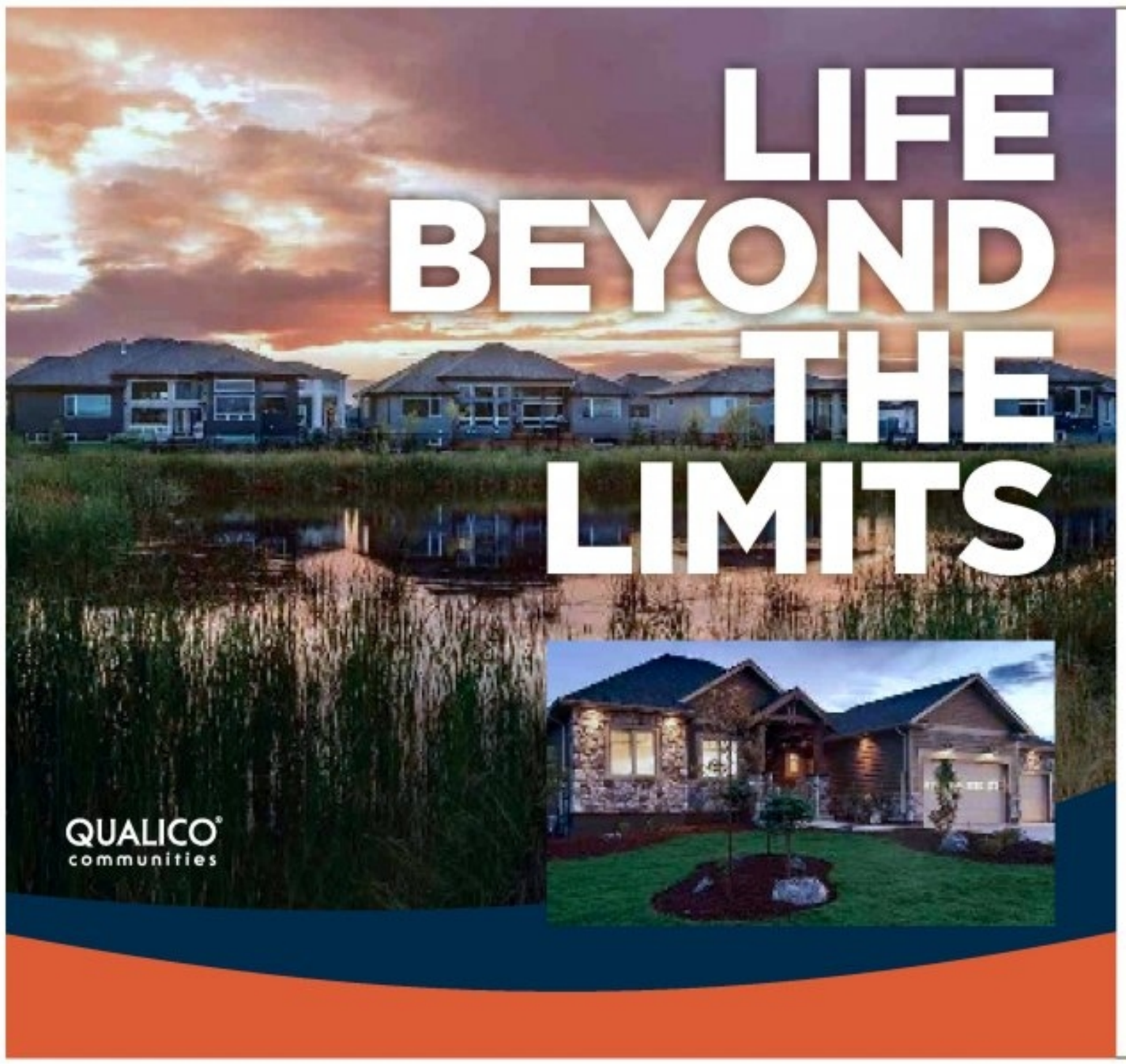

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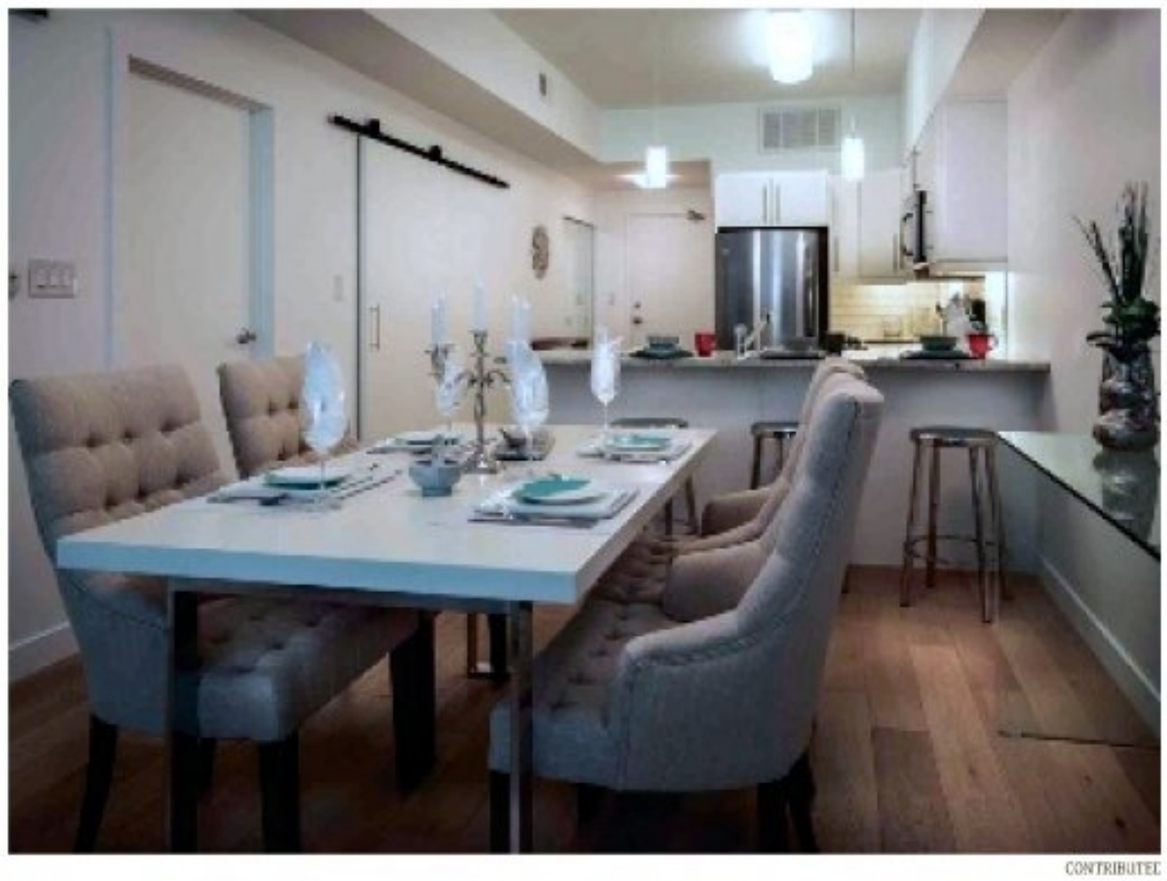

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That urban lifestyle is attracting young professionals and boomers alike, says Hirsch.

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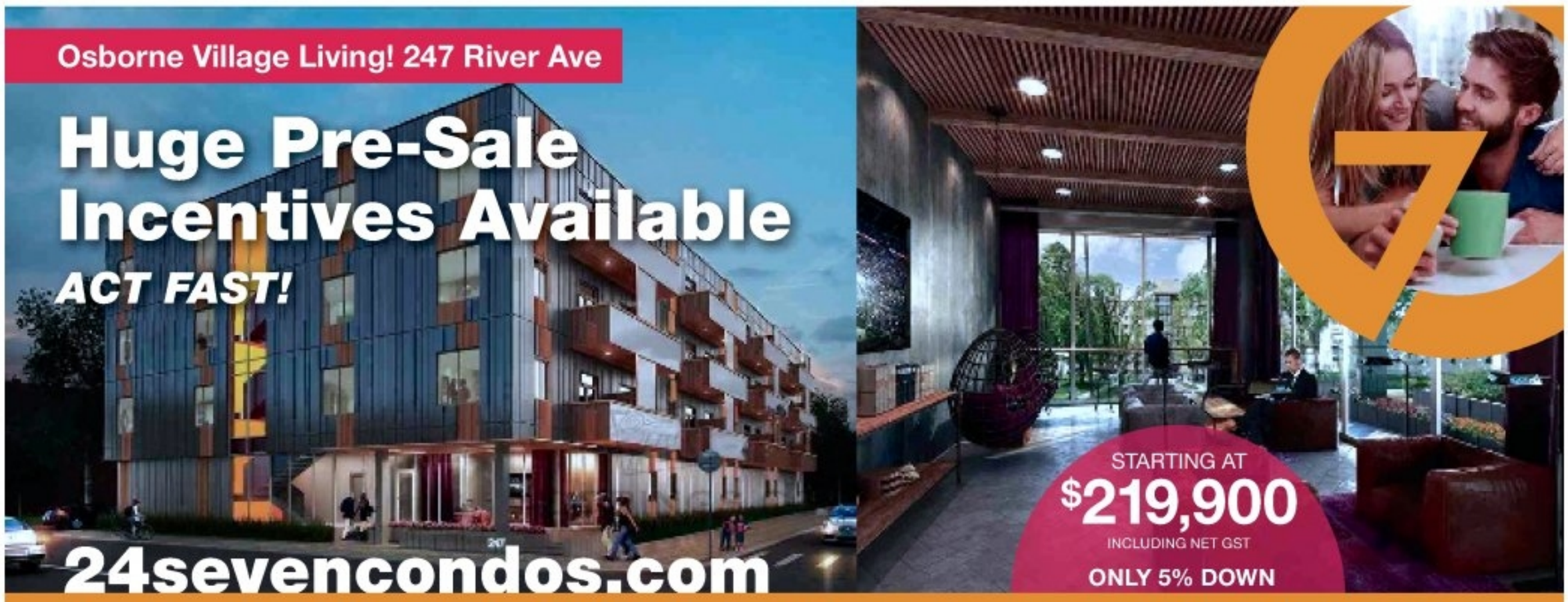

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Walters says healthy QB can take squad 'to the next level'

Kyle Walters has no doubts the Winnipeg Blue Bombers will have their offensive leader back when they open training camp.

The Winnipeg GM was in Florida on a recent vacation and visited with quarterback Drew Willy, who missed most of last season with a right knee injury. Walters said he watched the starter work out effectively without a knee brace.

"He's healthy and ready to take this organization to the next level," Walters said Thursday. "Which for us is he's going to get us into the playoffs and fight for Grey Cups."

Winnipeg was 3-3 when Willy fractured his shinbone and partially tore the posterior cruciate ligament in a 38-8 loss to Hamilton on Aug. 9. Losing Willy was catastrophic to the Bombers, who dropped 10 of their final 12 games.

A silver lining to the injury was the acquisition of veteran Matt Nichols from Edmonton. Nichols went 2-5 as the starter, completing 61.2 per cent of his passes with 10 TDs and seven interceptions before re-signing.

Having Willy and Nichols is a boost for the Bombers but it's a healthy Willy who gives them their best chance. And time is of the essence for Walters and coach Mike O'Shea, who are both in the final year of their contracts.

"We're comfortable going into this year having two guys we think can win football games," Walters said. "It's important keeping him healthy and upright and playing 18 games if we want to have a chance to win."

> When you're not winning football games the guys with high price tags, particularly Americans, are the ones scrutinized from a salary-cap standpoint.
>
> Kyle Walters who released receiver Clarence Denmark and defensive lineman Bryant Turner on Tuesday.

Winnipeg had trouble protecting the QB last season, allowing 59 sacks, second only to Saskatchewan (65). Walters signed veteran Canadian centre Jeff Keeping in free agency but plans to use the CFL draft (May 10) as well free-agent and mini-camps to find other capable offensive linemen. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bombers GM Kyle Walters says Drew Willy is working out effectively with a knee brace. MARIANNE HELM/GETTY IMAGES

AHL

Hellebuyck flirts with record in win

Connor Hellebuyck came up just short of an all-time franchise mark Wednesday night as the Manitoba Moose edged the Stockton Heat 3-2 at MTS Centre.

Hellebuyck entered the game with a running shutout streak of 121:14, but two quick Stockton goals in a span of 1:27 in the third period left the Moose netminder at a goalless streak of 169:34 — a span approaching three complete games — just 10:22 short of Tyler Moss' record of 179:56 with the Moose in 2003-04.

Manitoba captain John Albert's late second-period goal proved to be the game-winner, finding a loose rebound off an Andrew MacWilliam shot that broke teammate Patrice Cormier's stick — a scenario likely proving to be the easiest way to pick up a primary assist in the game of hockey.

Rookie blue-liner Jake Baker's first-career AHL goal opened the scoring for Manitoba midway through the first period, while bruiser Darren Kramer notched his second goal in as many games to put his season total at six.

The two-game sweep of the Heat is Manitoba's third series sweep of the season. The Moose host the Charlotte Checkers on Saturday and Monday at MTS Centre.

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IN BRIEF

Carey falls to South Korea

Canada's Chelsea Carey missed the final shot in the 10th end as her Calgary-based rink lost to South Korea's Ji Sun Kim 8-7 on Wednesday afternoon in Draw 13 of the women's curling world championship.

Carey (6-2) struggled with draw weight in the first half of the game, but used a well-place takeout in the eighth for a decisive lead.

Looking for a simple takeout in the 10th, Carey threw through the house with South Korea sitting two.

Go to metronews.ca to see how Canada did against Finland in the evening draw. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Riders bring in RB Walter

The Saskatchewan Roughriders signed Canadian running back Matt Walter on Thursday.

The five-foot-10, 215-pound Walter spent the last four seasons with the Calgary Stampeders. He played in 59 career regular-season games — 14 being starts — and rushed for 1,264 yards on 237 carries (5.3-yard average) with four TDs.

Walter, 26, a Calgary native, added 28 catches for 217 yards. He also appeared in eight playoff games, helping the Stampeders win the 2014 Grey Cup. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Losses that feel like a win

VIEW FROM THE 300S

Andrew 'Hustler' Paterson

It's a very strange time right now to be a fan of the Winnipeg Jets — or, for that matter, any Canadian NHL team.

For the first time since expansion there will be no Canadian teams in the Stanley Cup playoffs. And as the stretch plays out for these teams in the final month of the season (which can't end soon enough), losing is actually winning.

This season began with the Jets coming off a franchise-record 99-point campaign and their first playoff appearance in Winnipeg. Hopes were high that the mediocrity of the first three seasons was in the rear view and a talented Jets team was ready to take another step forward after having a taste of the post-season.

After a strong start in October, reality set in for the Jets and their fans. A combination of factors including growing pains, subpar goaltending, lack of discipline and horrible special teams conspired to torpedo any hopes of a return to the playoffs earlier than in any season before.

Jets fans' minds might be turning from wins to the possibility of drafting a potential franchise cornerstone like prospective No. 1-pick Auston Matthews. RONI REKOMAA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Which brings us now to the bizarre scenario of Jets fans being conflicted every night their team plays. With playoff hopes dashed and the Jets being right near the bottom of the NHL standings, the potential of a franchise player waiting near the top of the draft lottery is the only win many fans are now interested in.

After the tank fest last season among the NHL's worst teams for Connor McDavid and Jack Eichel, the lottery has been tweaked this year. Now the top three selections will be determined through the draft lottery, with the worst team in the league having a 20 per cent chance of winning each draw, with descending odds for each team not in the playoffs in order of reverse merit.

According to most scouts, it's actually a good year to be very bad. The 2016 draft is strong in overall talent and features a clear top three prospects, American phenom Auston Matthews and two Finnish standouts, Patrick Laine and Jesse Puljarrvi. With the changes to the lottery, all three will find their new pros homes as the result of how the ping pong balls come out April 30.

> **Even the most rabid Jets fans are experiencing mixed emotions.**

A few extra points in the standings could be the difference on drafting a cornerstone player for your organization and missing out. This has created the strange situation for even the most rabid Jets fans, who are experiencing mixed emotions, win or lose, every time the team hits the ice.

Like most fans, I'm excited to see what happens in the draft lottery for the Jets, but most of all I'm looking forward to next season when we can all go back to cheering the wins and being miserable after the losses.

NHL BRIEFS

Subban preaches patience

P.K. Subban says he won't rush back to action if there is any risk of making a "scary" neck injury worse.

The Canadiens star defenceman spoke Wednesday for the first time since he suffered the injury against the Buffalo Sabres on March 10.

"I have to follow what the doctors say," said Subban, who has missed six games. "I've still got some symptoms and they don't want me back unless I'm at 100 per cent. I want to be patient."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebecor not wavering

The CEO of Quebecor Inc. says the low Canadian dollar will not deter the media conglomerate from pursuing its goal of landing an NHL franchise in Quebec City.

Pierre Dion says the company's commitment hasn't wavered. The NHL has projected the cost of a franchise at a minimum of US$500 million. Las Vegas is considered the favourite. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECIPE Veggie Cream Cheese Sandwiches

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Sure you could pack this for tomorrow's lunch but since it's a complete meal (and so easy) why not make it for tonight's easy dinner?

Ready in
Time: 5 mins

Ingredients
- 1 carrot, grated or slice
- 1/2 English cucumber, grated
- 1/2 avocado, sliced
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup light cream cheese
- 4 slices of whole grain bread

Directions

1. Begin by grating your carrot and grating or slicing cucumber into bowls. Now halve your avocado. Gently slice it in the shell and turn the slices out onto a plate. Sprinkle the slices with lemon juice to keep them from browning

2. Now it's time to assemble. Place four slices of bread down on a clean cutting board. Load two with cream cheese to your desired thickness

3. Sprinkle your desired amount of carrot and cucumber over the cheese and gently press it into the bread using the back of a wooden spoon or your hand.

4. Arrange a few slices of avocado on the remaining two pieces of bread. Pair up your avocado halves with the cheese halves and serve.

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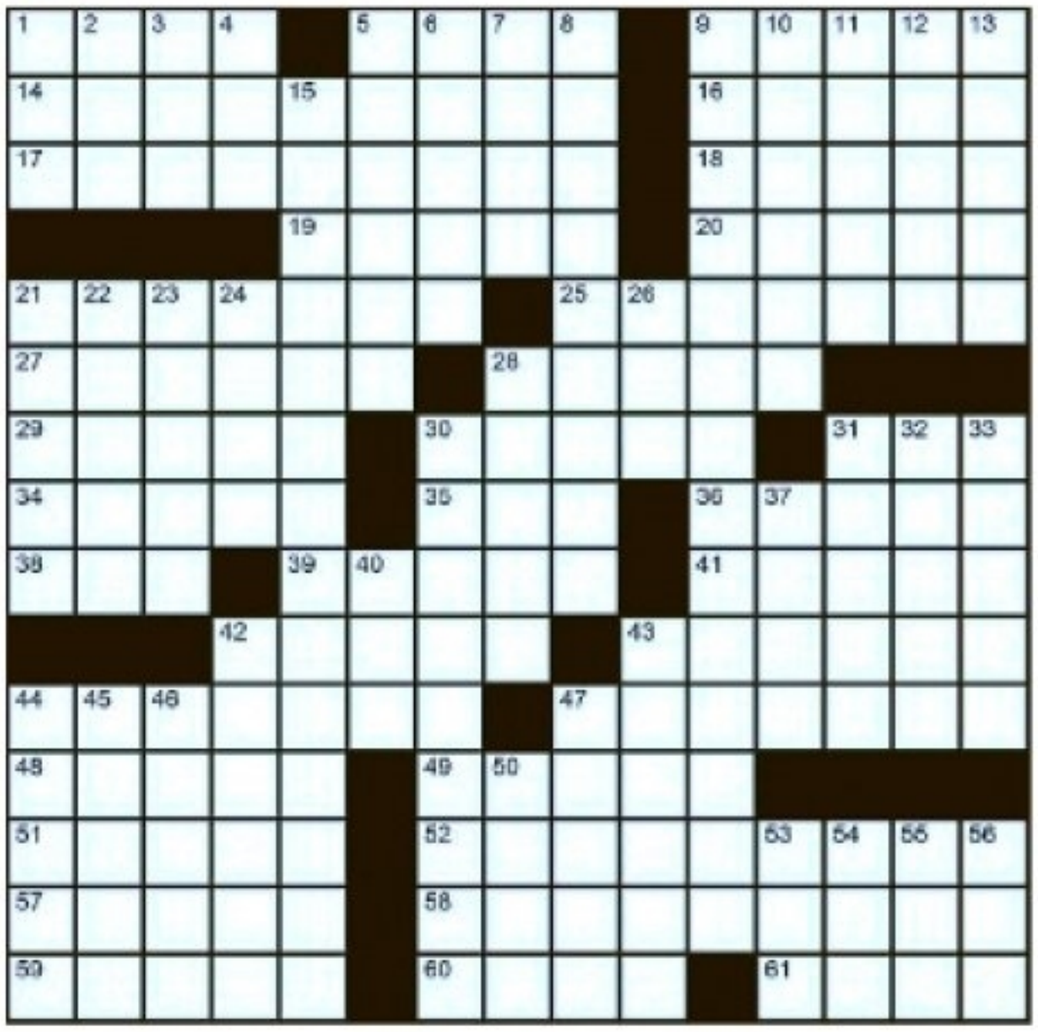

ACROSS
1. Guzzle the Guinness
5. Light rain
9. Perilous precipitation
14. Basket or box
16. Writer, Oscar __ (b.1854 - d.1900)
17. Nova Scotia's provincial tree: 2 wds.
18. Mirror's mirroring
19. Rigatoni or macaroni
20. George Harrison played it on "Norwegian Wood"
21. Lodging, in Lyon
25. "Automatic": 1984 hit for The Pointer __
27. Person sitting for the sketching artist, say
28. Easter story betrayer
29. Like porridge bits
30. Hurting more
31. Purpose
34. Sanctified, olde-style
35. "Faster!"
36. Thanks, in Rimouski
38. Tee's alphabetical predecessor
39. Golf club types
41. Talks and talks [var. sp.]
42. Hightails it
43. Concurs
44. The Easter Bunny's savings: 2 wds.
47. Metal castings factory
48. Optical layers
49. "That '70s Show" star Ms. Prepon
51. Mr. Carradine of Madonna's music video "Material Girl"
52. Commonwealth country
57. Tedium
58. Dedicated/dependable
59. Super slope-y
60. Landscaping rolls
61.. Variety

DOWN
1. "Born on the Bayou" band, briefly
2. Uprooter of small weeds
3. And, in Munich
4. Initials-sharers of Sulu's portrayer on "Star Trek"
5. Oasis, to someone lost in the desert
6. Operating: 2 wds.
7. Splinter group
8. Chests contents at sea
9. The Pope's protection: 3 wds.
10. Restricts
11. Raise the spirits with joy
12. For Better or For Worse dog
13. Readying-for-play golfers
15. Set-in-Quebec movie of 1974, "The __ of Duddy Kravitz"
21. .pdf files program, __ Acrobat
22. Russian mountain chain
23. Kathy of "Misery" (1990)
24. Rearing ruminants
26. 'Fluor' suffix
28. Connects
30. Whisky holder in the bar: 2 wds.
31. Bowed, like a rainbow
32. One who finds things yucky, perhaps
33. Ms. Gold of "Benson"
37. Net dollars
40. Dusting cloth
42. Museum's marble man
43. Major blood arteries
44. Informally uses the microwave
45. Incident
46. Sight from the Eiffel Tower
47. Melded
50. Delivery to the dealership
53. Situated at the ship's stern
54. Do some of a mason's work
55. To-the-Internet connection, for short
56. Finished the food

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You have strong ideas about politics, religion and racial issues today, and you want to express them. This could cause a problem with a friend or partner.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Behind-the-scenes research reveals how you can get funds or assistance. Nevertheless, be prepared for interruptions to your work day. Computer crashes, canceled meetings and staff shortages are examples.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You can convince anyone of anything today because your mind is alert and energetic! Parents should be vigilant about potential accidents for their kids.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is a great day to talk to bosses and authority figures because they will be impressed with you. Nevertheless, this could upset someone at home or in your family.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is an accident-prone day. Your daily routine will be interrupted — you can count on this. Allow extra time so that you have wiggle room to deal with things.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Keep an eye on your money today, because you might find money or you might lose money. Guard your possessions against loss or theft. Be leery of someone who sweet talks a deal.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A close friend or partner might surprise you today. One thing is certain: Conversations will be dynamic and productive! Expect fast action.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will impress work colleagues today, because your mind is in overdrive and you see everything clearly. (This also will help you to cope with unexpected interruptions on the job.)

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be vigilant, as this is an accident-prone day for your kids. However, this also is a creative day for those who work in the arts and an active day for those in sports.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Family discussions will be dynamic today. You will want to give your two cents' worth. Stay light on your feet, because it's a fast-changing day!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your daily routine will change today because of cancelled meetings, minor accidents and surprises. Pay attention to everything you say and do. Fortunately, you're on top of things!

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a strong day for business and commerce. You will persuade others to agree with you. However, something unexpected will catch you off-guard, so be prepared.

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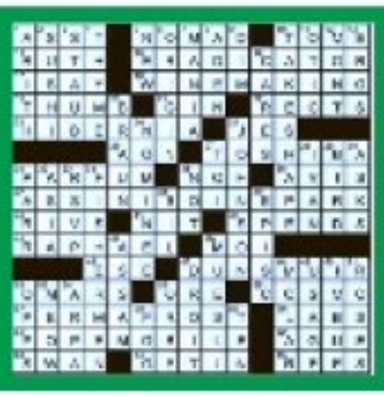

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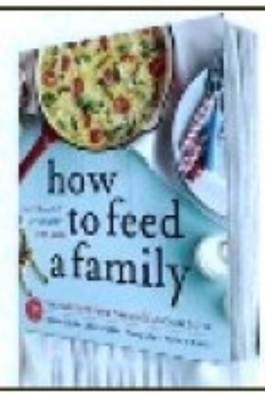

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